

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9 and 12-29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 2, 10 and 11, claims 2, 10 and 11 are canceled, and claims 3-6 and 12-13 are amended because of the cancellation of claims 2 and 10. Claims 9 and 17-29 have been withdrawn by the Examiner.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative at the March 7, 2006 personal interview. Applicants' record of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Information Disclosure Statements

Attached to the January 11, 2006 Office Action are initialed Forms PTO-1449 for the October 7, 2003 and August 30, 2005 Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs). However, each of these forms were marked with an indication that Applicants failed to submit English-language abstracts or translations for References 3 and 4 for the October 7, 2003 IDS and References 3 and 4 for the August 30, 2005 IDS. Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that no English abstract or translation was required for these references because English-language equivalents or the specification were cited and/or provided to the Examiner. Specifically, for the October 7, 2003 IDS, the relevance of foreign-language References 3 and 4 is discussed in the specification, as explained at paragraph 2 of the IDS. For the August 30, 2005 IDS, foreign-language References 3 and 4 were submitted with an English-language equivalent (Reference 2), as explained at paragraph 4 of the IDS. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-identified references and return fully-initialed Forms PTO-1449 for the October 7, 2003 and August 30, 2005 IDSs.

II. Rejoinder

All of the withdrawn claims depend from claim 1, which is generic to all species. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of the withdrawn claims.

III. Rejections under §102(e) and §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tahon (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0211241); rejects claims 1-8 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Jonas (U.S. Patent No. 5,403,467); and claims 1-8 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Jonas (U.S. Patent No. 5,766,515). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied references fail to disclose a composition including an organic conductive material and at least one species of solvent, the solvent containing a glycol medium and an acetylenic alcohol surfactant, and the content of the acetylenic alcohol surfactant in the solvent ranging from 0.01 to 0.1 percent by weight, as recited in independent claim 1. As discussed at the interview, the applied references do not disclose or suggest a composition having a surfactant ranging from 0.01 to 0.1 percent by weight.

For the foregoing reasons, the applied references fail to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in independent claim 1. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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